



## About Our Foundation

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**Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Foundation (LAWFF)** is the nonprofit that raises funds and generates support for the Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries (LDWF). We assist the Department with habitat conservation, youth recruitment, environmental education and training, natural resource research and management, regulation enforcement, and financial assistance to numerous LDWF projects and programs.

Headquartered in Baton Rouge, LAWFF was formed in December of 1995. It was envisioned as a Foundation that would promote the welfare of LDWF, reflecting the belief that there was more to accomplish than governmental resources could cover. The proposed Foundation would support LDWF programs with additional resources developed through its own facilities, and to provide a means for individuals and corporations to become partners with the Department and Commission in the challenge of conserving Louisiana's wildlife and fish resources.

**The Foundation's Board** is committed to a simple operating style - working as a partner with contributors who donate property, services or funds for specific projects and programs as well as contributions for general conservation use. The Foundation identifies conservation problems and offers solutions through partnerships and leveraging financial resources.

## Existing educational and recruitment programs we support

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- **Aquatic Volunteer Instructor Program (VIP)** - a workshop to educate people that want to be aquatic volunteer instructors.
- **Archery in Louisiana Schools (ALAS)** - introduces students in grades 4-12 to international target style archery.
- **Becoming an Outdoors Woman (BOW)** – conducts a weekend workshop offering more than 30 specialty courses to women 18 and over.
- **Get Out & Fish! Community Fishing Program** – provides easy fishing access at suitable waterbodies in close proximity to a town or community and seeks to recruit anglers to the sport of fishing.
- **National Hunting & Fishing Day (NHFD)** - Held every year on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in September. The Louisiana NHFD events provide exposure to children and families of all ages for wildlife and fisheries related activities. LDWF staff, volunteers, and local businesses join together to put these events on in Baton Rouge, Monroe, and Alexandria.
- **Women's Fishing Workshops** – a program offered to women 18 and over who have an interest in fishing and conservation.
- **WETSHOP** - a dynamic teacher workshop that allows teachers to learn about Louisiana coastal wetlands.
- **Youth Fishing Programs** - where youth and families have the opportunity to fish and participate in educational activities.
- **Youth Hunter Education Challenge (YHEC)** - where young hunters learn about outdoor skills and safety training.

## Vital environmental and wildlife research programs we support:

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- Louisiana Black Bear Project
- Louisiana Wetland Protection Program
- Queen Bess Island Restoration Project
- Waterfowl Telemetry Projects
- Whooping Crane Reintroduction Project in Southwest Louisiana
- Wildlife and Fisheries Tagging and Research Projects

## A few of the past projects we have supported:

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- VHF Tower Program
- Wood duck conservation
- Mottled duck telemetry study
- Plaquemines Parish Tilapia project
- Oyster Reefs project
- Marine and freshwater fisheries research
- Largemouth Bass – Red River
- Louisiana Saltwater Series
- John W. Barton Sr. Scholarship
- Waddill Firing Range Refurbishment
- Wildlife Management Area (WMA) improvements
- Oil Spill and train derailment Impact projects
- Conservation Servitudes (private and WMA)
- Multiple land acquisitions such as Elmer's Island and Maurepas.
- Collaborations and partnerships with many projects such as: Turner's Bay island Reef, WHAMbrake, Pointe-aux-Chene, Wetlands Rest Area Program (WRAP), and many more.

There are many other worthwhile programs facilitated through LDWF and other organizations which are supported by the Foundation. To learn more, visit us at [www.lawff.org](http://www.lawff.org).

## Partnerships and Contributions

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Individuals and corporations can become LAWFF partners by contributing to the Foundation in a variety of ways, all of which are tax deductible. Donations of property and money are accepted both as undedicated contributions or for specific projects and programs.

**LAWFF receives no funding from the State of Louisiana**, nor the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. Contributions come solely from individual and corporate donors.

### Annual Fundraiser "Wild Night"

Our annual fundraiser has been hosted at the beautiful Live Oak Arabians (previously known as Cedar Lodge Plantation) in Baton Rouge for the past several years. There is great food, a full bar, and lots of interesting and unique auction items. This year's event will be **Thursday, October 10, 2019**. Admission is \$100 per person and private tables can be purchased for \$1,000.00.

### Tax Deductions and Savings

Gifts to LAWFF are recognized under sections 501(c)(3), 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) of the Internal Revenue Code. A contribution of appreciated securities to LAWFF may be an excellent way to support the Foundation. The donor of appreciated securities will not ordinarily be subject to capital gains tax on the appreciated value of the gift. Please consult your tax advisor for potentially significant tax advantages. Online contributions can be made at [www.lawff.org](http://www.lawff.org). The federal taxpayer identification number is 72-1314968.

### Tax Deductions and Savings

If your employer offers a matching gift program, you may be able to double your contribution.

## Contact Information

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The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Foundation (LAWFF) may accept tax-deductible gifts in support of the LAWFF mission. LAWFF will utilize these funds to meet its stated goals of fish, wildlife, and habitat resource management, and support of wise and efficient use of those resources.

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### Contributions *(Tax-Deductible)*

- ☐ I would like my contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to go towards any project that needs funding.
- ☐ I would like to make a contribution \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to go towards: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(name of project)*
- ☐ I authorize LAWFF to automatically deduct \$ \_\_\_\_\_ from my credit/debit card each month until I wish to cancel.
- ☐ I wish to make a contribution in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to the endowment fund.
- ☐ I would like my contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ in another person's name.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Reason: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(birthday, memorial, etc.):*

Please send acknowledgement letter to:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Supporter Information

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Make Checks Payable to:** Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Foundation

**Mail All Forms and Payments to:** LAWFF - PO Box 80378, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-0378

**Credit card payments can be made online at:** [www.lawff.org](http://www.lawff.org)

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